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James Calvin

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James (Jim) Calvin was elected to the Columbia Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors on July 26, 2016. Jim is the President of the New York Association of Convenience Stores, a 400-member statewide trade association representing the convenience store industry.

Prior to his appointment at NYACS, Jim served as Assistant Vice President/Director of Marketing for Hudson City Savings Institution; and as Executive Director of the Columbia County Chamber of Commerce. Jim has been an active member of the local and regional communities for many years.

He serves on the Legislative Committee of the National Association of Convenience Stores; a Columnist for The Griffin Report of Food Marketing; and a member of the Board of Trustees for the Retailers of New York Workers Compensation Trust. He is a Director Emeritus of the Columbia County Agricultural Society.

Jim is the past Chairman of the Empire State Society of Association Executives; past Vice President of the New York State Chamber of Commerce Executives; past Vice President of Community Relations for the United Way of Columbia and Greene Counties; past Member of the Columbia County Tourism Advisory Commission; former Adjunct Instructor of Journalism at Columbia-Greene Community College; former Business Columnist for *The Independent*; and former guest speaker, workshop leader, moderator, and emcee for various functions and organizations.

Jim holds an A.A. in Liberal Arts from Hudson Valley Community College and a B.A. in Journalism from Utica College. Jim is a graduate of the Institute of Organization Management, a 6-year program of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce at the University of Delaware.